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Before Merrell C. Cashion, Jr., Resource Administrator.

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

On May 14, 2007, Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On December 8, 2009, Appellants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The RCE will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal.

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

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